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## The Cop with the Pigeons

WHERE Detroit's Farmer street cuts Gratiot avenue, car lines converge at awkward angles, and crowds from two of the largest department stores in the city mingle with trucks that travel between the wholesale and upper business districts. Both the thoroughfares are narrow, and the handling of the immense traffic that traverses that intersection during busy hours is a vexing problem.

Howard C. Laible, six feet, over two hundred, under thirty, stands between the car tracks and keeps pedestrians from dangerous proximity to street-cars, automobiles, and horses. It is a man's job, and a good man's job: that is why his captain put Laible at Farmer and Gratiot.

### Pigeons Dodge Automobiles

WELL ordered though conditions are at this crossing, the policeman who is responsible for them is not known to Detroiters as an efficient traffic officer. He is to them "the cop with the pigeons"; for, besides keeping things moving systematically, Laible has made companions of the big flock of pigeons that nest under the eaves of the public library building, just off his corner, and at almost any hour of the day they are about his feet, picking up the grain he carries in his pockets and throws to them.

An unusual combination,—this big officer with his smile and his poise, which make for his splendid command of a difficult situation, and yet with time to win the friendship of birds so that they come to him and feed, heedless of the heavy wheels and clattering hoofs that miss them by inches. At times a score



or more are about him, and when traffic comes with a rush they do not flap upward, but cluster close about the feet of the man in uniform and wait until a let-up again allows them to waddle out after the grain he has scattered.

Laible began coaxing the pigeons to him many months ago. They were shy, especially during the rush hours, and patience was required to induce them to alight among the vehicles. Now they

descend at any time, and if no grain is in sight they strut and stare and quirk their heads in mute insistence upon their provender, until Laible's hand goes to a hip pocket and comes out with the food that has come to be as much a part of his equipment as his badge.

### Good Copy for Reporters

PEOPLE who drive past the corner daily have come to look for the birds, and go around them when possible, rather than to force a scurrying for the policeman's feet. People go out of their way to stand and watch the circling pigeons come down into the crowded clatter of business. Editorial writers of Detroit newspapers draw good pictures of the cop with the pigeons—and then draw a moral.

And over in police headquarters—upstairs, where they know all things—you are told that Laible is a right fine officer, who gave up the silver buttons of the fire department to come on the force five years ago, and has made for himself an enviable record as a servant of the public. "He has the poise, you know," they'll say. "People respect him naturally, and he never has any trouble. He's the best type of officer you'll find anywhere."

Another angle: This policeman is a philatelist, and whenever stamp collectors forgoth in Detroit he is always looked to as one of the stand-bys for arrangements. He can handle plans for that complex class of men and women who spend years and fortunes gathering postage stamps just as well as he can handle his traffic—or his pigeons. And among the stamp-wise he is considered to be one of the inner circle.

## Why Not Clean Your Own Watch?

SOMETIMES a watchmaker charges from a dollar to three dollars for cleaning a watch or clock—and sometimes he does very little to the timepiece in question. To be actually hand cleaned every piece must be taken apart and fixed separately.

A useful discovery was made along this line, and the watch repairers are trying to keep it to themselves. Instead of going to the great trouble of separating the parts, the only thing that is done nowadays by a great many workers is simply to soak the works in gasoline. The gasoline dissolves the grease, which has

caught the dust and made the works gummy, and probably cleans the whole thing even better than was formerly done. However, as the process takes only a few minutes of moving the works backward and forward in a glass of gasoline, three dollars could not be conscientiously charged if the public knew about it. Also the public would clean its own watches and clocks.

A great many alarm clocks, and cheap watches particularly, which are not worth three dollars, can now be put in fine condition by simple immersion in common gasoline and a few motions to and fro in

the fluid. The chief thing to look for in case one desires to rejuvenate an old alarm clock is to see whether or not the mainspring is broken. Of course, if that be broken, cleaning will do no good; but most watches and clocks are retired because they either stop on the job or do not keep good time.

Dirty works are mostly responsible for this condition. After cleaning with gasoline, wind the timepiece up, and if it does not start off by itself push the little balance wheel forward so that it will vibrate by means of the very small spring, and it ought to run all right.

## He Got the Wireless Cranks Together

AT seven-thirty, Eastern time, every evening 250 wireless "cranks" (which means amateur wireless operators) sit at their keys listening intently to the messages that the ether waves bring. Step into the home of one of them in Boston with a message for a friend in San Francisco, and it will be sent for you. There will be no charge; it will go as a matter of amateur courtesy. And on its way from coast to coast it will be picked up and relayed by perhaps a hundred different amateurs, each one speeding it forward to the limit of his own radio power.

### Maxim's Plan

IT was young Hiram B. Maxim, son of Sir Hiram Maxim, the great inventor, who conceived the idea of bringing the amateurs to-

gether. The restrictions that the law places upon the amateur are very rigid. He must not have more than one kilo-

watt of power, lest his messages cross and conflict with the important communications of the government. Therefore the sending power of any amateur was exceedingly limited. Young Maxim's plan changed all that. He conceived the idea that if all the amateurs agreed to work together at some particular hour of the day, a message could be relayed from one to another, so that great distances would be covered without the necessity for any increase in sending power.

Out of this plan grew the National Radio Relay League, which now consists of two hundred and fifty members.

No money transactions of any kind are allowed by the league, and no messages are received from non-members that would compete with the business of commercial wireless companies.



Step into the house of a wireless amateur in Boston and you can get a message sent free to San Francisco.